Clearance operation at Wana Cadet College ends as all terrorists killed

Official says attackers wanted to take students hostage

By AK Wazir

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: Security forces on Wednesday declared to have successfully foiled a terrorist attack on Cadet College Wana, Lower South Waziristan, killing all the attackers after an intense clearance operation.

The operation commander, Col Mohammad Tahir, said that attackers targeted the main gate of the college on Monday evening, but timely response from security forces averted a major tragedy.

He said that one suicide bomber detonated himself near the main entrance while other terrorists attempted to enter the college and take students hostage.

He said that attackers were contained in a specific block, after which a full-scale operation was launched between 10pm and 10:30pm, resulting in elimination of all five terrorists, including the suicide bomber.

"The swift and coordinated action of security forces prevented a large-scale disaster," said Col Tahir.

The cadets, who witnessed the attack, said that they were preparing for a drill competition at the time of the explosion. "We suddenly heard a loud blast during the drill.

Everyone was frightened, but our teachers calmed us down and told us that Pakistan Army reached the college," said a cadet.

He said that they knew that the attack was carried out by enemies of education.

"However, soldiers safely evacuated us to a secure location. No matter what terrorists do, they cannot stop us from pursuing education," he added.

On Monday at around 5pm, a suicide bomber blew himself up at the main gate of Cadet College Wana, completely destroying the entrance.

Following the explosion, attackers attempted to storm the college but they were immediately engaged by security personnel, who killed two of them on the spot.

Security forces rescued 550 cadets, faculty members, staff and more than 650 other individuals safely from the premises. A careful clearance operation was later initiated, which continued until late Wednesday night. The operation concluded with the killing of all remaining militants.

According to sources, the operation lasted for 31 hours as the clearance process was delayed due to presence of landmines and explosive devices in the area. Fortunately, no casualties were reported among security personnel.

Tribal people paid rich tributes to their brave soldiers, who risked their lives to protect students of the college and safeguard the peace of the country by foiling nefarious designs of terrorist.

The blast at the entrance of the college was so powerful that it was heard far and wide while nearby residential buildings sustained heavy damage.

Roofs of several houses collapsed, injuring nine civilians, including five men and four women, residents said.

Dr Jan Mohammad, medical superintendent of district headquarters hospital Wana, confirmed injuries to locals, saying all injured had been admitted for treatment.

He adding that their condition was stable and medical care was being provided to them at the hospital.

Reports indicate that over the past one year, Lower South Waziristan, Upper South Waziristan and North Waziristan have witnessed a surge in terrorist activities, including bomb explosions, targeted killings, abductions for ransom and attacks on security posts, causing widespread concerns among locals.

Couple, minor son killed over enmity in Swabi

By Our Correspondent

SWABI: A couple and their two-year-old son were killed and a minor daughter was critically injured when their rivals opened fire on them in Maneri Bala union council here on Tuesday night, the police and rescue officials said.

The incident occurred in Azad Kashmir village, and a rescue team shifted the bodies and the injured to the District Headquarters Hospital.

The doctors said that condition of the minor girl was critical.

A police official said that the man along with his family was on his way home on a motorcycle from the house of his father-in-law when his rivals opened fire at them near a nullah.

The cause of the incident was stated to be an old enmity between them.

Swabi city police station SHO Saifullah Khan said that the deceased were identified as Umar Khan, his wife Huma Gul and their two-year-old son, Mohammad Anzala. Dua Noor, their five-year-old daughter, was injured.

Nadar Khan, father of the deceased Umar, got registered an FIR with the Swabi city police station against his rivals. He nominated Awais Khan, Khizar Hayat and Amad Khan in the triple murder case.

The police said that they were conducting raids to arrest the suspected killers.

Another Bajaur area cleared of terrorists

By Our Correspondent

BAJAUR: Authorities on Wednesday declared another area as cleared of terrorists in Nawagai tehsil, prompting the district administration to permit its residents to return to their homes.

After the declaration of Shah Khani village as terrorist-free by the security forces as a result of successful operation, the administration informed residents that they can return to their homes, said a notification.

According to the notification posted on the official Facebook page of deputy commissioner Shahid Ali Khan, the residents of Shah Khani area, who had vacated their homes prior to the operation, could return to their native village anytime.

The statement said that the administration was making all-out efforts to allow the residents of other areas to return to their homes as soon as their localities were cleared of terrorists.

Meanwhile, the residents, who had been displaced from their homes a couple of weeks ago, welcomed the development.

Talking to *Dawn*, several residents of Shah Khani, a hilly village of Nawagai tehsil, said that scores of displaced families had started returning to their homes after the announcement of the 'successful' operation against terrorists.

Can peace jirgas help stem the tide of terrorism?

By Manzoor Ali

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has seen a series of jirgas from both the government and opposition sides over the last few months to discuss the precarious law and order situation in the province. However, little has changed on the ground in the face of spiraling terrorism.

In contrast to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peace Jirga, which was convened by the provincial government at the provincial assembly on Wednesday and attended by all political parties, the previous such gatherings were marred by the bad blood between the government and opposition, resulting in the boycott of each other's events.

In December last year when the Kurram tribal district was in the throes of a violent conflict, provincial Governor Faisal Karim Kundi convened a jirga. The ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) boycotted the moot, which took place at the Governor's House on December 5, accusing the Pakistan Peoples Party of working with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz-led federal government to get it banned. It even got a resolution about it passed by the Balochistan Assembly.

The PTI insisted that unlike the PPP, it had a mandate from residents to rule KP and was performing its duties well.

Over the next months, as the law and order situation deteriorated, both the government and opposition again sprang into action and announced jirgas and multi-party conferences, yet both stopped short of showing a united front on the existential security issue.

In July this year, the then KP chief minister, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, convened a multi-party conference.

However, major political parties, including Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl, Awami National Party and PPP boycotted the gathering, calling it an eyewash.

The JUI-F arranged its own tribal jirga on July 13 to discuss peace in the region. It also held a similar event in Swat the same month. Also, the Awami National Party organised the Qaumi Aman Jirga on July 28.

In August, the KP government started holding regional level jirgas to discuss peace in the merged tribal districts.

According to an official, at least four such jirgas with elders from Bajaur, Kurram and North and South Waziristan took place at the Chief Minister's House.

In the aftermath of these gatherings, the official said that the then chief minister, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, had planned to hold a grand jirga of tribal elders with the army chief.

However, Mr Gandapur lost the mantle of the province's chief executive before he could have realised that.

Mohammad Sohail Afridi, after taking over as the chief minister, decided to hold another peace jirga, which, unlike the previous ones, was at least a well-attended one as no party boycotted it.

Though little has changed on the ground due to these jirgas, analysts view them as a tool that can help build pressure and, to some extent, allows people to vent.

Veteran nationalist politician Afrasiab Khattak told *Dawn* that the jirgas were taking place due to the fact that the government system was not working and people were forced to discuss law and order outside of government forums.

He said that jirgas could help build pressure but could do nothing beyond that.

"The Cold War between the Soviet Union and the West turned into a hot war for this region. Now again, a similar tussle between the United States and China could also result in a hot war for this region," he said.

Mr Khattak said the state was more focused on international agendas than the local situation.

He added that the PTI, which ruled KP, was more interested in getting its detained founder, Imran Khan, released and was least bothered about what was happening in the province.

The nationalist politician said that he attended a jirga at the Governor's House last year and found out that even the PML-N leaders were not ready to support the federal government's stand regarding military operation.

"How a strategy of [military operations] could succeed when it lacks public support," he said, adding that the people of KP have grown tired of such operations and are not ready to support them.

Mr Khattak underscored the importance of engagement between KP and federal governments on security issues and dissension among both sides would result in further increasing terrorism.

Dr Faizullah Jan, a journalism professor at the University of Peshawar, noted that the provincial government was shifting its responsibilities to jirgas.

"Upon seeing its rhetoric go nowhere, the PTI is now trying to shift responsibilities. In the presence of parliament, there is no justification for holding jirgas as they lack any constitutional or legal authority," he said.

Dr Jan questioned what mechanism a jirga had at its disposal to implement its decisions.

"Jirga has neither police nor army to implement its decisions," he said.

The academic, however, said that the jirgas provided an outlet to alternate views or played a cathartic role by allowing people to vent their frustrations.

Lawyers observe strike against Islamabad blast

PESHAWAR: Lawyers here on Wednesday observed strike against the suicide bombing outside Islamabad district courts and in solidarity with their colleagues in Islamabad.

They mostly stayed away from proceedings before Peshawar High Court and its subordinate courts in attached districts and tehsils. The strike call was jointly given by Peshawar High Court Bar Association and Peshawar Bar Association in consultation with the members of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council.

A meeting of PHCBA executive council chaired by its president Aminur Rehman Yousafzai was also held that condemned terrorist attack on Islamabad district courts and Cadet College Wana, South Waziristan.

The participants of the meeting said that such terrorist attacks threatened the peaceful atmosphere of legal fraternity as well as education of innocent tribal children.

PHCBA demanded transparent investigation into the incident and exemplary punishment for the perpetrators and also called upon the administration to enhance security measures.

Similarly, the cabinet of PBA headed by its president Qaiser Zaman condemned the Islamabad bombing, which had left around 12 persons killed and scores of others injured. The cabinet members including its general secretary Zahidullah Zahid and others termed the incident a security lapse and a failure of government to maintain law and order and provide security to its people.

Meanwhile, senior lawyers including PHCBA general secretary Ashfaq Daudzai, BabarKhan Yousafzai, Yasir Khattak, Isaac Ali Qazi and others condemned the incident, stating that instead of providing security to people the federal government was busty in passage of constitutional amendments. They demanded of the government to enhance security measures so as to thwart acts of terrorism and also arrest the elements involved in such heinous acts. — Bureau Report

Court acquits doctor charged with assaulting minor sister-in-law

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: A child protection court here has acquitted a medical doctor arrested on charges of sexually assaulting his 12-year-old sister-in-law over two years ago.

The court presided over by the additional sessions judge, Mohammad Haneef, pronounced after completion of trial that prosecution failed to prove its case against the accused and evidence on record didn't connect him with commission of the offence.

The accused was arrested after the occurrence, which took place early in 2023, and had remained behind the bars since then.

The alleged victim and her family members had gone to the US after the occurrence. They are reportedly having the US nationality. The wife of the accused had also reportedly taken divorce from him afterward.

The alleged victim and her father had recorded their statements from the US through video link.

The FIR of the occurrence was registered at Hayatabad police station, Peshawar, on Feb 6, 2023, under different provisions of Pakistan Penal Code and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Act.

The alleged victim had claimed that her parents had gone out of their residence and she and her elder brother were at home along with her brother-in-law (accused). She alleged that she was alone at TV lounge when the accused approached her and forcibly assaulted her.

The defence counsel, Shabbir Hussain Gigyani, argued that his client was implicated in a concocted case. He argued that the FIR of the occurrence was registered after a delay of 10 days, which clearly proved that it was a conspiracy.

He contended that medical evidence didn't clearly prove that the alleged victim had been sexually assaulted. He added that the clothes sent for DNA sampling, which the prosecution claimed belonged to the victim, were also sent for analysis after 12 days of the alleged occurrence.

The counsel contended while the prosecution claimed that the DNA sampling matched with that of the accused, it couldn't be proved that the said clothes belonged to the victim or her sister, who was wife of the accused. He added that apparently the evidence had been fabricated.

He argued that the accused was a medical doctor and had been behind bars for over two-and-a-half years. He stated that there were several loopholes in the prosecution case and the accused couldn't be convicted unless the case was proved without any shadow of doubt.

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